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INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. LITTLE RECENT EMPHASIS ON EUROPE; TUESDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED CONGRESSMEN IN INDOCHINA; WEDNESDAY FEATURED US SELLS NUCLEAR PLANTS TO IRAN; TODAY'S PAPERS FRONTPAGE ARAB RAID ON TEL AVIV. LITTLE FRESH COMMENT.

1A. INSIDE WEDNESDAY WASHPOST HAD ITEM HEADED DISARMAMENT; THURSDAY PAPERS INSIDE HAVE KISSINGER STOPOVER IN LONDON.

2. DISARMAMENT. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST HAD UNSIGNED BRIEF FROM GENEVA SAYING UN DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE STARTED 14TH YEAR OF DELIBERATIONS WITH WALDHEIM CALLING FOR BAN ON ENVIRONMENTAL WARFARE, SAYING THE TECHNOLOGY MIGHT SOON EXIST TO TRIGGER EARTHQUAKES, STEER HURRICANES OR RELEASE TIDAL WAVES. ITEM NAMED FIVE NEW PARTICIPANTS BRINGING TO 30 NUMBER OF NATIONS ATTENDING.

3. SALT. TODAY'S WASHPOST HAS A FOR THE RECORD ITEM READING: SOVIET AND AMERICAN DELEGATIONS TO THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS MET FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF.

3A. IN FEBRUARY SALT COMMENT CINCINNATI ENQUIRER ON 20TH STRESSED DIFFICULTY OF SALT NEGOTIATIONS, SAYING SURVIVAL COULD ULTIMATELY BE AT STAKE. PAPER REFERS TO PLEAS OF JACKSON AND KENNEDY TO BEGIN REDUCING THE SIZE OF OFFENSIVE NUKES, BUT HOLDS IF THERE IS TO BE ANY TREATY ITS NEGOTIATION WILL REQUIRE THE GREATEST PATIENCE BY BOTH SIDES INCLUDING CONGRESS -- ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THE RUSSIANS HAVE CANCELLED THE TRADE AGREEMENT OUT OF PIQUE OVER THE CONDITIONS CONGRESS PLACED ON SOVIET-AMERICAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

3B. MARQUIS CHILDS COLUMN FEB. 26 FOCUSED ON TERMINAL MARV, SAYING ITS PHENOMENAL ACCURACY COULD DESTROY ALL THE SOVIET UNION'S LAND-BASED MISSILES AND RENDER RUSSIAN POTENTIAL FOR REPRISAL LIMITED; AND MOSCOW WILL SEE THE NEWS THAT PENTAGON IS GOING FOR TERMINAL MARV AS CONFIRMATION OF SCHLESINGER'S AIM OF A KNOCKOUT FIRST STRIKE AND SET THE ADVERSARY OFF ON A SIMILAR PATH. ACCORDING CHILDS, REP. LEGGETT AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HOUSE UNCLASSIFIED

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ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE ARE CONVINCED TERMINAL MARV MUST BE STOPPED BEFORE IT SETS OFF ANOTHER ROUND IN NUCLEAR ARMS RACE; CHILDS SAYS THEY POINT OUT THAT AT ONE TIME MIRV WAS CONSIDERED A BARGAINING CHIP, THEN PENTAGON PROCEEDED TO MIRV ALL AMERICAN MISSILES.

3C. DES MOINES REGISTER FEB. 21 SAID SCHLESINGER IS BRANDISHING THE OLD BOGEY THAT IF US DEFENSE BUDGETS GO

DOWN WHILE SOVIET BUDGETS GO UP AMERICAN ALLIES WILL RECONSIDER THEIR ALIGNMENTS. ACTUALLY, SAYS REGISTER, AMERICA'S ALLIES WORRY MORE ABOUT US EXCESSES OF ARMS, ARMED ACTIONS, ARMED THREATS.

3D. ATLANTA CONSTITUTION FEB. 23 EDITORIALIZED ON MISSILE LEVELS AND AGREED WITH SCHLESINGER THAT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO REFRAIN FROM BUILDING UP TO VLADIVOSTOK LIMITS UNLESS SOVIET UNION EXERCISES RESTRAINT, IN FACT UNTIL IT AGREES TO A TREATY LOWERING THOSE LIMITS.

4. OTHER COMMENT. FEB. 28 WASHPOST HAD COLUMN BY STEPHEN ROSENFELD SUGGESTING LAST SUMMER'S JOINT NIXON-BREZHNEV STATEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL WARFARE PERPETRATED A FRAUD. STATEMENT POINTED TOWARD AGREEMENT BANNING TECHNIQUES OF CLIMATE MODIFICATION FOR HOSTILE PURPOSES WHICH NEITHER SIDE PLANS TO DEVELOP OR USE, BUT LEGITIMIZES USE OF WEATHER MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES (SHORT-TERM, TEMPORARY CHANGES SUCH AS CLOUD-SEEDING MEASURES USED BY US IN INDOCHINA) IN WAR, ROSENFELD SAID. ROSENFELD ALSO SAID NIXON-FORD ADMINISTRATION HAD ALREADY MADE UNILATERAL

COMMITMENT NOT TO USE CLIMATE MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES IN WAR. ROSENFELD SAID CONGRESS HAS BEEN AHEAD OF THE PRESIDENT SINCE 1973 PELL RESOLUTION URGED US TO SEEK INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT BANNING USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, GEOPHYSICAL AND WEATHER MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES IN WAR, AND PARALLEL RESOLUTION BY FRASER AND GUDE IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION IN HOUSE. ROSENFELD APPROVES GUDE'S IDEA TO REMOVE ALL GOVERNMENT SPONSORED WEATHER-MODIFICATION RESEARCH FROM MILITARY TO CIVILIAN AGENCIES AND SAYS FORD SHOULD BACK THESE EFFORTS AND TAKE US OUT OF THE WEATHER WARFARE BUSINESS.

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4A. KANSAS CITY STAR FEB. 24 EDITORIAL ENTITLED, ATOMIC BOMBING JUST TO DIG HOLES, REFERS TO RUSSIAN ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANAL DIG, PRESUMABLY IN 1971, STAR ADDING THERE IS NO WORD WHETHER THEY HAVE PROCEEDED WITH ANY OF THE OTHER 249 NUCLEAR SHOTS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE CANAL. STAR SAYS IDEA HAS THEORETICAL MERIT, THOUGH ONLY IN LIMITED LOCATIONS, AND CONCLUDES HERE'S ONE INVENTION THE RUSSIANS ARE WELCOME TO PERFECT FIRST. INGERSOLL

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